

AN EARLY PERFIN - ??

Recently in an auction I acquired a bunch of early GB stampless 'covers' with FREE franks. They were for my collection of 'everything', but when looking at them carefully I was very surprised.

One of them had what looked like a perfin.

The 'cover' was actually a sheet, which had been folded, and the letter was obviously enclosed inside, since there was no writing on the reverse of the sheet. The sheet had been sealed with sealing wax, which had been placed inside the last fold and from the outside the sealing wax had been pressed by a device which created small diamond shaped holes in the paper in the shape of an oval. The free frank is a crown above double script to be able to identify the addressee. The address is something like Highsmith.

Now, does this qualify as a perfin or not? Stretching things one can call the 'cover' postal stationery. Anyway, whether a perfin or a perfin forerunner it is in my perfin collection and I think is a nice addition.

Can anyone help me with the user? I would also like to hear of other similar items.

